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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/47/835)]

47/219. Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

The General Assembly

I

First report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Takes note with appreciation of the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 1/

II

Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa and Bangkok

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 2/ and concurs with the recommendations and requests made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 4 of its report; 3/

1/ A/47/7.

2/ A/C.5/47/11.

3/ A/47/7/Add.2.

III

Recommendation of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters

1. Takes note of the note by the Secretary-General; 4/

2. Decides to keep under review the level of support costs charged to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

IV

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1992

1. Approves the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General in his report 5/ of an additional amount of 292,500 United States dollars under sections 21, 23, 24 and 26 to 28 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

2. Also approves the additional revised estimates of 71,300 dollars under section 21 submitted by the Secretary-General in the addendum to his report, 6/ on the understanding that the Secretary-General will consider possible redeployment in the context of his revised estimates to be submitted to the General Assembly early next year;

V

International Computing Centre: 1993 budget estimates

1. Approves the 1993 budget estimates for the International Computing Centre amounting to 13,789,700 dollars, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General; 7/

2. Requests that future budgets of the Centre be presented in a format consistent with the unique nature of the budget of the Centre;

4/ A/C.5/47/19.

5/ A/C.5/47/21.

6/ A/C.5/47/21/Add.1.

7/ A/C.5/47/24 and Corr.1.

VI

Administrative arrangements for the secretariat of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 8/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to explore possible alternatives for the organizational location and administrative support arrangements for the secretariat of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation;

VII

Level of secretaries of intergovernmental policy-making organs

1. Takes note of the note by the Secretariat; 9/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to review the situation in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

VIII

Revised estimates under section 24 (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific)

1. Takes note of the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General in his report 10/ to appropriate an additional amount of 95,000 dollars under this section and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 11/

2. Recommends that such additional appropriations as may be necessary should be indicated by the Secretary-General in his final performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 under this section;

IX

Revised estimates under section 21D (Crime prevention and criminal justice)

1. Takes note of the revised estimates submitted by the

8/ A/C.5/47/26.

9/ A/C.5/47/28.

10/ A/C.5/47/29.

11/ A/47/7/Add.7, paras. 2-5.

Secretary-General in his report 12/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 13/

2. Endorses the proposal of the Secretary-General to finance the additional requirements for the expansion of the crime prevention and criminal justice programme from within the overall appropriations of sections 21, 23 to 26 and 33 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

X

Revised estimates under section 27 (Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia)

1. Takes note of the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General in his report 14/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 15/

2. Endorses the proposals of the Secretary-General to reflect the projected savings of 5.6 million dollars for the biennium 1992-1993 in the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium and to maintain the appropriation approved by the General Assembly under this section (50,381,500 dollars) at the present time, taking into account the projected additional commitments in relation to late charges for costs incurred at Baghdad and the possibility of a relocation of the headquarters of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia towards the end of the current biennium;

XI

Representation allowance for under-secretaries-general and assistant secretaries-general and hospitality for official functions

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General; 16/

2. Recommends that consideration of this question be deferred, taking into account the views of delegations, and that a further review be undertaken as soon as possible in the light of the future decisions to be taken on the restructuring of the Secretariat;

12/ A/C.5/47/40.

13/ A/47/7/Add.7, paras. 6-15.

14/ A/C.5/47/41.

15/ A/47/7/Add.7, paras. 16-19.

16/ A/C.5/46/32 and Corr.1 and A/C.5/47/39.

XII

African Institute for Economic Development and Planning and Multinational Programming and Operational Centres of the Economic Commission for Africa

Endorses the proposals of the Secretary-General 17/ and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

XIII

Status of technological innovations in the United Nations and progress report on the optical disk project

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 18/

2. Endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 34, 36 and 37 of its report; 19/

XIV

Integrated management information system project

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 20/

2. Endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 21 to 32 of its report; 19/

XV

Comprehensive study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

1. Decides to postpone to its resumed forty-seventh session the review of the whole question of honoraria;

2. Authorizes the Secretary-General, pending the results of the review, to take appropriate measures on an exceptional basis and with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with regard to paragraph 55 of his report, 21/ within the overall framework of the current pertinent resolutions and decisions,

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17/ See A/C.5/47/53.

18/ A/C.5/47/18 and Add.1.

19/ A/47/7/Add.8.

20/ A/C.5/47/27.

21/ A/C.5/47/45.

recommends that he reflect the measures he takes in the final performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, and decides to revert to this matter again at its forty-eighth session;

XVI

Revised estimates under section 28 (Human rights)

1. Takes note of the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General in his report 22/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Endorses the proposal of the Secretary-General, on the understanding that, with regard to his request for 760,000 dollars, he would implement, within the overall level of the revised appropriation for the biennium 1992-1993, the other activities of the Centre for Human Rights, for which he has requested additional resources and would report to the General Assembly in the final performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

XVII

Revised estimates under section 38 (Legal activities): Commission of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 780 (1992)

1. Takes note of the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General 23/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Approves an additional appropriation of 646,700 dollars, on the understanding that the requirements would be treated outside the contingency fund;

XVIII

Revised estimates under section 31 (Public information): establishment of seven United Nations interim offices

1. Takes note of the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General; 24/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to re-submit a complete report on the establishment and operation of the seven United Nations interim offices, including staffing, project implementation and an integrated budget with full sources of financing, at its resumed forty-seventh session, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the competent United

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22/ A/C.5/47/71.

23/ A/C.5/47/68.

24/ A/C.5/47/58 and A/C.5/47/CRP.3/Rev.1.

Nations bodies regarding operational activities and public information activities and taking into account the views expressed by the Member States in the Fifth Committee on this issue during the forty-seventh session;

XIX

United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 25/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Approves an appropriation of 13,121,300 dollars required under section 2 (Peace-keeping operations and special missions) of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 for the United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa, from mid-September 1992 to 31 December 1993, on the understanding that these requirements would be treated outside the procedures related to the contingency fund and without prejudice to the future mode of financing;

3. Also approves an appropriation of 1,673,200 dollars under section 36 (Staff assessment) of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, offset by the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment);

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Advisory Committee, at its spring session of 1993, a performance report on the Mission, including actual expenditures from its inception and revised requirements for 1993, taking into account the developments in the region;

XX

Recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-second session

1. Takes note of the information provided by the Secretary-General in his statement of the programme budget implications 26/ and the observations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Recommends that the next series of joint meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination should take place in New York;

25/ A/C.5/47/79.

26/ A/47/16 (Parts I and II)/Add.2.

XXI

Installation of an appropriate signalling system

Endorses the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with respect to the installation of an appropriate signalling system;

XXII

Administrative and financial arrangements regarding the United Nations International Drug Control Programme

Takes note of the note by the Secretariat on the administrative and financial arrangements regarding the United Nations International Drug Control Programme; 27/

XXIII

United Nations Programme on Space Applications

Takes note of the letter from the Chairman of the Special Political Committee to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee regarding a budgetary allocation for the United Nations Programme on Space Applications; 28/

XXIV

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Decides, in order to provide for the minimal transitional requirements for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research until the General Assembly can consider this matter at its resumed forty-seventh session, to authorize the Secretary-General to commit funds, not to exceed 400,000 dollars, for the period 1 January through 28 February 1993, by advances from the Working Capital Fund, to cover all costs related to the provision of security and maintenance of the premises of the Institute, as well as the costs of maintaining the existing number of staff members of the New York office of the Institute for whom placement is to be sought elsewhere within the United Nations system, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 42/197 of 11 December 1987;

XXV

Travel of representatives to the second part of the thirty-third session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

1. Takes note of the statement of programme budget implications on the subject; 29/

27/ A/C.5/47/44.

28/ A/C.5/47/51.

29/ A/C.5/47/84.

2. **Approves** an additional appropriation of 86,400 dollars under section 1 (Overall policy-making, direction and coordination) of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

XXVI

First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

1. **Takes note** of the report of the Secretary-General; 30/

2. **Approves** the revised requirements submitted by the Secretary-General in his report;

3. **Requests** the Secretary-General to take steps to improve the budget performance report to make its presentation more timely and more transparent;

4. **Urges** the International Civil Service Commission to review the rates of staff assessment during 1993;

XXVII

Section 15 (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development): report of the Secretary-General on the thirteen posts formerly attached to the subprogramme on trade among countries having different economic and social systems

1. **Takes note** of the report of the Secretary-General on the thirteen posts formerly attached to the subprogramme on trade among countries having different economic and social systems; 31/

2. **Endorses** the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination 32/ and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 33/

XXVIII

Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 11,753,700 dollars remains in the contingency fund;

30/ A/C.5/47/47.

31/ A/C.5/47/7.

32/ A/47/16 (Part II), para. 266.

33/ A/47/7/Add.1, para. 28.

XXIX

Recosting of decisions of the Fifth Committee concerning statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates

Approves an increase of 121,300 dollars under the expenditure sections and 18,500 dollars under income section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

XXX

Granting of travel assistance to least developed and other developing countries that are members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Decides to defer consideration of this question until the resumed forty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

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23 December 1992